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Letter dated 2 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba concerning the attack perpetrated by Israel against the humanitarian aid flotilla to Gaza (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the above-mentioned statement circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 16, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba has learned with deep concern of the criminal attack perpetrated by the special forces of the Israeli army in the early hours of 31 May against a flotilla of ships that was in international waters and was carrying humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people living in the Gaza Strip, an attack in which a number of those aboard the flotilla were killed or injured.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns this devious criminal attack by the Government of Israel in the strongest terms, and calls upon the international community and peace-loving peoples to demand that the Israeli authorities immediately lift the illegal, merciless and genocidal blockade against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.

Cuba wishes to convey its most heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and reiterates its support for and solidarity with the just cause of the Palestinian people and its inalienable rights, including the establishment of an independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Havana, 31 May 2010